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Will you help us in making this change by paying up your subscription?

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH

The Universalist Christmas exercises this year will consist of a movable program under which Santa Claus will enter town about 9 A. M., Christmas Day, and he will visit every home where the children or young people of our Sunday School live. Santa will see to the safe delivery of every package or gift placed in the hands of the special committee, Boris and Marion Frost or left at the home of Miss L. M. Stearns on or before Tuesday, Dec. 24.

REMEMBER

Remember, remember, the hour and the day.

BOYS' SWEET CORN CLUB

The following prizes have been awarded in the Boys' Sweet Corn Club:

SWEET CORN CLUB	
1st Prize, \$10.00	Walter F. Knightly, Norway.
2nd Prize, \$5.00	Harry M. Gordon, Norway.
3rd Prize, \$3.00	Estie F. Millett, Waterford.
4th Prize, \$2.00	John A. Jacobson, Waterford.
5th Prize, \$1.00	Albert Knightly, Norway.
6th Prize, \$1.00	Stanley A. Thurston, Norway.
7th Prize, \$1.00	Harold W. Thurston, Norway.
8th Prize, \$1.00	Ed G. Noble, Norway.
9th Prize, \$1.00	Ben A. Delano, Norway.
10th Prize, \$1.00	Norman H. Knightly, Norway.
11th Prize, \$1.00	Vernon Knightly, Norway.
12th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
13th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
14th Prize, \$1.00	Frank C. Moore, Norway.
15th Prize, \$1.00	Woodward Witham, Dixfield.
16th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
17th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
18th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
19th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.
20th Prize, \$1.00	Edna E. Richardson, Norway.

CORRECTION

The date of the birth of Mr. Ralph Frost as stated in last week's Citizen as 1901 should have been 1901.

GRANGE NEWS

BEAR RIVER GRANGE
"If you have a bit of news, send it in; Or a joke that will amuse, send it in; A story that is true, An incident that's new, We want to hear from you, Send it in."

Gwendolyn G. Godwin,
Ferd E. Brink,
Editors.

ALDER RIVER GRANGE
Alder River Grange, No. 145, held its regular meeting Wednesday evening, Dec. 11, with an average attendance. Grange voted to send Worthy Master and wife to State Grange, to be held at Portland. Worthy Master appointed a special committee to have charge of another whist party. Officers for the ensuing year will be elected at the next meeting when a good attendance is desired.

LONE MT. GRANGE
Lone Mt. Grange of Andover elected the following officers for the coming year on Saturday, Dec. 8:—
Master—E. M. Bailey.
Overseer—Mrs. Carrie Morton.
Lecturer—Mrs. Evelyn Stevens.
Secretary—Mrs. H. M. Thomas.
Treasurer—Mrs. Nina Clark.
Steward—Viola Searle.
Chaplain—Mrs. Charles Andrews.
Asst. Steward—Della Thurston.
L. A. Steward—Grace Clark.
Gate Keeper—J. B. Littlehale.
Cores—Mrs. J. B. Littlehale.
Pomona—Mrs. Claude Marston.
Flora—Mrs. Charles Morgan.

ROUND MOUNTAIN GRANGE
The members of Round Mountain Grange met at their hall Saturday afternoon, Dec. 7, and elected the following officers:
Master—Isaac Wardwell.
Overseer—W. L. Becker.
Lecturer—E. H. Wardwell.
Steward—Cecil Kimball.
Asst. Steward—Charles Morey.
Chaplain—Mrs. Lena Bruce.
Treasurer—W. B. Cummings.
Secretary—A. E. Cummings.
Gate Keeper—George Cummings.
Cores—Ella Cummings.
Flora—Dora Becker.
Pomona—Myrtle Becker.
L. A. Steward—Edith Cummings.

WEST PARIS GRANGE
West Paris Grange held an all day meeting Saturday. After the business routine the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:
Master—Dana A. Grover.
Overseer—L. H. Ellingwood.
Lecturer—Grace Stevens.
Chaplain—E. L. Wyman.
Secretary—Madeline Peabody.
Treasurer—Frank Littlehale.
Asst. Steward—Morris Ellingwood.
Steward—Charles Stevens.
Gate Keeper—Arthur Buck.
Cores—Mrs. Herick.
Pomona—Mrs. I. H. Ellingwood.
Flora—Mrs. Littlehale.
L. A. Steward—Emily Tuell.
Chaplain—Mrs. D. A. Grover.
Librarian—Ada Hadden.

CANTON GRANGE
Canton Grange elected the following officers Saturday:
Master—W. M. Fred Tapp.
Overseer—John Bowles.
Lecturer—Mrs. John Bowles.
Steward—Wm. F. Mitchell, Jr.
Asst. Steward—Clare Ludden.
Chaplain—Mrs. Helen Eastman.
Treas.—A. F. Russell.
Cores—Mrs. Martha J. Childs.
Gate Keeper—Robbie McElister.
Cores—Mrs. Margery Weld.
Pomona—Mrs. Lena T. Hall.
Flora—May Eva Briggs.
L. A. Steward—Miss Ethel Russell.
Treasurer—Mrs. John Briggs, John Briggs, Albert H. Adams.
After the election remarks were made by several members. Resolutions on the death of Mrs. Nancy Bailey were read and adopted.

BUCKFIELD GRANGE
The following officers have been elected for the ensuing year by Buckfield Grange:
Master—Ralph Cooper.
Overseer—C. C. Tuttle.
Chaplain—Sarah Barrett.
Secretary—Minerva Allen.
Treasurer—A. P. Warren.
Steward—Charles Cooper.
Asst. Steward—Leon Cash.
L. A. Steward—Mrs. Cash.
Lecturer—Mrs. Ralph Cooper.
Cores—Mrs. F. M. Cooper.
Pomona—Mrs. W. H. Hayford.
Flora—Mrs. C. C. Tuttle.
Gate Keeper—Allen Parks.

A poultry institute which convened at Grange Hall, Thursday, was very successful. George V. Smith of West Wellington, Ct. was the lecturer. The

GOULD'S ACADEMY

The girls began basket ball practice December 11th.

Superintendent Lord inspected the Academy on Tuesday.

Prof. and Mrs. Hanson entertained the faculty at dinner Saturday evening.

Leo Bartlett and William Hastings both from East Bethel, were visitors last week.

The girls have been rehearsing a short farce which they hope to be able to give over for the benefit of the Undergraduate Association.

On Tuesday, Dec. 17, Rev. Mr. Trueman gave a very interesting talk to the boys at the Y. M. C. A. meeting. Roger Bartlett was leader.

Chester Howe, '18, returned from the S. A. T. C. at Wentworth Institute on Thursday and visited the Academy, Friday morning. Leg. Cole came from Camp Devens the same day and was in school Friday afternoon.

At the Y. W. C. A. meeting Dec. 16, Miss Pratt took the place of Edith Soper as leader. The subject was, "Girls to Watch Our Armies." Clara Mason and Katherine Brown sang a duet. This week Ruth Kendall leads. It is a missionary meeting.

The boys' basket ball team will play its first game of the season at Norway on Friday evening. The team is constituted as follows: left forward, Bryant (Capt.); left guard, Louis Van Den Kerckhoven; right forward, Hanscom; right guard, Laughlin; center, Bartlett.

The Academy reopened Dec. 9 after a three weeks' enforced vacation. Although there was a large number of students absent, the majority of them appeared at some time during the week. Ruth Kendall, Florence Young, Frances Baker, Agnes Foster, Linwood Wilson, Myron Bryant returned Dec. 16. Ferd Brink, Archie Young and Vivian Wright are still absent.

Attendance was good and the talks were practical and interesting. Buckfield Grange served dinner at noon.

NORWAY GRANGE

Norway Grange met at their hall on Dec. 11th. A picnic dinner was enjoyed after which the meeting was called to order at 1:30 by Worthy Master W. O. Perry. Officers pro tem: Steward, Charles Frost; A. Steward, Charles Buck; L. A. Steward, Emma Swan. Meeting opened in form. Minutes of last meeting read. Deferred matters were discussed and the reports of Secretary and Treasurer and the several committees were given and acted upon. A Grange fair was decided on, to be held at a date favorable to conditions. Voted to send the Master and his wife to the State Grange at Portland. The following officers were then elected for the year 1919:

Master—C. S. G. Abbott.
Overseer—Harry Goodwin.
Lecturer—Annie Goodwin.
Steward—Percy Upton.
Asst. Steward—Norvelle Brown.
Chaplain—Grace Bennett.
Treasurer—G. W. Richardson.
Gate Keeper—A. T. Crooker.
Cores—Viola Abbott.
Pomona—Fannie Richardson.
Flora—Edith Knightly.
L. A. Steward—Minnie Upton.
Chaplain—Gladys Russell.

Owing to the death of Frank P. Towne two executive committees were elected. W. B. Pierce and Harold Brown. This completed the list. Minutes read and approved, closed in form. It is earnestly hoped that every member will be loyal to their Captain and see that all dues and Red Letter Cards are in at the next meeting, which will be held on Dec. 25, as at that time the meeting will be an all day session, business in the forenoon with picnic dinner, followed by programs given by Captains Ora Howe and assistants Mary Gammon and Ethel Dana; Gladys Greenleaf and her assistants, Adeline Webster and Annie Goodwin. Oxford Pomona meets with Norway Grange, Jan. 7, 1919.

A Farmers' Union meeting was held at Norway Grange Hall, Dec. 14 at 2 P. M. Prof. D. A. Yentes was present.

LIVE RABBITS

Will pay 25 cents for live rabbits delivered at my house.

A. F. CHAPMAN, Bethel, Maine. 12-19-18

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

Events of Interest From Washington

By J. E. Jones

BON VOYAGE

There was a pretty noisy time about political circles in Washington in the few days just previous to the departure of the President, and the sounds about the Tower of Babel were perhaps no less confusing than the clatter of protest that arose in the Capital when the President gave out the names of the Peace Party, with his own name at the head, and only blank spots where the surnames of Senators and Big Chiefs in the Republican party might have been reasonably expected.

Then came another day when the promised "masterpiece" of Mr. Wilson, in his address to Congress failed to please, and the newspaper reports that on former occasions recorded that "all across except Senator La Follette and cheered the ringing words of the President," now related how "many Democratic Senators and nearly all the Republican members of both Houses sat still and seewiled while a group of Democrats applauded."

But, they were a mad bunch! Senator Cummins introduced a resolution to send a committee of eight Senators to France to "observe and report to the Senate," Senator Sherman "resolved" to "insult the President" and to put Mr. Marshall in his place, and Congressman Rodenberg put forth a plan to take the office away from the President while he was away, and then give it back to him when he returned.

The whole thing was like a family row—and you all know how mad you have sometimes been towards "dad" but if he was going away on a long journey you somehow forgot about most of your slights to not being invited to go too. And if you have had such an experience you can quite easily understand why it was that Washington "went to the train and cheered the President and his party, and everybody hoped the trip would be a great success, and particularly that Mr. Wilson, and Mrs. Wilson, might have a good time."

And at the "part of embarkation," which Mr. Cress, who is in the Presidential party, now allows to be spoken of by its own name of New York—the "voice of the nation yelled 'good luck' until that voice became so hoarse that Smith Brothers, and Laiden, and the other tough drop manufacturers declared extra dividends the following day.

Summed up, the whole affair represents the same earnest criticism of methods that has characterized nearly every big diplomatic move since the beginning of the war. Washington wasn't much madder than it was when the President started to exchange "scraps of paper" with Germany. Eventually the town and the world became so enthusiastic over the net results of that venture in "notes."

Time alone will tell whether the President will succeed in the great mission that has taken him over seas. The patient American people, irrespective of politics or matters of minor concern, are as eager today as they were at the beginning of the war, for the triumph of real world democracy, and if Woodrow Wilson is one of the principal factors in the peace conference in bringing about that result, his countrymen will all easily forget how they differed with him in the past few weeks, and render praise "ungrudgingly."

WHO'S WHO IN RAILROADS

President Wilson laid a barrage for "government ownership of the railroads," and then beat a hasty retreat. In his last address to Congress, in other words he refused to stand sponsor for the idea credited to his administration favoring ownership of the railroads by the Government. It is known that his own official family is all cluttered up with socialistic government ownership ideas, and again the President refuses leadership of the plan to take over the railroads permanently, there is bound to become a show-down in Congress that will point out who's who in railroads, the Government of Uncle Sam, or their actual owners. The President made no recommendations upon the subject except to suggest that the roads should not be returned to their owners with the old conditions unmodified. He names three courses that might be taken: One a return to private management.

FOR SALE

One yearling Hereford bull.

ALTON F. BARTLETT, No. Bethel, Maine. 12-19-18

OBITUARY

EZRA MOSES CROSS

Ezra Moses Cross, son of Moses T. and Caroline Smith Cross, was born in Bethel sixty-three years ago. Soon after his birth the family moved to Berlin, N. H., where they remained ten years; and then returned to this town and to what became the long time Cross home opposite the Congregational church.

Here the boy Ezra grew to manhood and acquired his education, finishing off at Gould's Academy and Hebron. He wanted much to go to college at Cornell but as the way to that did not open up, he went to Portland and thence to Boston to begin his business career.

In Boston he married in the early eighties. Next he engaged in the lumber business in Berlin for a few years. In 1890 he started a machine shop in Berlin. This business grew and prospered and became a corporation giving employment to forty men.

Mr. Cross was an interested and helpful member of the Congregational parish in his city, member of the blue Lodge of Masons in Bethel and past patron of the Eastern Star. He was also a Knight Templar of the Lancaster Commandery. He was a member of the City Council for some years, and one of the directors of the Berlin National Bank. Integrity, uprightness and the square deal characterized all his business relations. Justice and charity he esteemed and practiced.

One of his old workmen said: "He never criticized any one and always strove to prevent others from doing it." His was a strong and well balanced character which made him many warm friends as was attested by the numbers attending the funeral from his home city, which was held at his boyhood home Tuesday at two o'clock.

Mr. Cross had been out of health for five years, and the decline had been rapid for two years, yet he stood by his business almost to the last.

Monday, the 9th instant, he came with Mrs. Cross to his old home for a few days of rest before going on to Hot Springs, Arkansas. He was taken seriously ill that very night and the next Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock he passed away. He was so glad to make the great adventure from his boyhood home among those he loved rather than farther on among strangers.

His home pastor, Rev. Mr. Moore came down from Berlin, and Rev. Lester Jordan came up from Palmyra to attend the funeral. The Bethel Lodge of Masons, to which he was much attached gave him the burial rights of the fraternity and we left him entombed at Woodland.

He is survived by his wife, his sisters, Mrs. G. P. Bean and Miss Cross, and five nephews and one niece, Miss Annie Hamlin; all of whom have our tenderest sympathies and also the precious memories that cluster around a noble life.

The bearers all from Berlin were: Mr. W. E. Corbin, president of the National Bank; W. H. Gerrish, one of the directors; J. W. Metz and L. Duggan, of old workmen, now members of the old corporation. A delegation from the O. E. S. of Berlin was present at the funeral service and also many of his neighbors and friends.

COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS EVE

Christmas Eve, Tuesday, Dec. 24, there will be carols and a Christmas tree in front of the Inn. Everybody is invited. Come and bring the children and let us make it a Merry, Happy Christmas. 7 o'clock is the hour.

All who are willing to help sing the carols are asked to meet at Bethel Inn, Friday evening, Dec. 20, at 7:45. Please come and assist in this rehearsal. The invitation is to all—old and young.

J. H. LITTLE,
W. C. CURTIS,
H. B. TRUEMAN,
Pastors of the local churches.

W. R. C. ELECT OFFICERS

Brown W. R. C. No. 35, held a meeting in Odd Fellows' Hall, Dec. 18. One new member was admitted after which the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

Pra.—Mrs. Louise Partridge.
R. V. P.—Mrs. Helen Baker.
J. V. P.—Mrs. Emily Forbes.
Conductor—Mrs. Cross.
Organist—Mrs. Florence Upton.
Delegate No. 1—Mrs. Edna Wheeler.
Alt. No. 1—Sadie Plafled.
Delegate No. 2—Gertrude Bailey.
Alt. No. 2—Doris Frost.
Delegate No. 3—Mrs. Eva Herrick.
Alt. No. 3—Mrs. Samantha Jedrey.

WANT COLUMN.

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12-5-18, South Paris, Maine.

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NOTICE

This is the last month in which to purchase your War Savings Stamp, and as only a limited amount are on hand at the Bethel Postoffice, you should make your application before December 23 to insure delivery.

G. L. THURSTON, P. M.

LOST

Pair lined gloves with one button Taxelo class, between my house and Postoffice. Finder please return to RAY CROCKETT,

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WANTED

Matrons and teachers at once for institution work. Good pay to the right person. Address all inquiries to the CITIZEN OFFICE,

12-19, Bethel, Maine.

WANTED

Dr. Austin Tenney, Oculist, will be at residence of Charles E. Hall, Bethel, on Saturday, Dec. 20, 9:00 A. M. to 4:00 P. M. Eyes treated. Glasses fitted.

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NORWAY

An annual night near the village was witnessed a few days ago, when a large black bear made his appearance near Clarence J. DeCoster's residence on Elm street, less than 25 rods from the highway.

Rene W. Smith entertained the members of his class in the Congregational Sunday school with their teachers, June P. Edwards, the past week. Games and music were enjoyed during the evening. Mrs. Prince Snow served an appetizer, which was greatly enjoyed.

Miss Helen M. Noyes has gone to South Paris for the winter, where she will board at Lester A. West's.

Mrs. Arthur W. Easton, who has been spending several weeks with Mr. and Mrs. T. N. Edwards at Bridgton, returned to Norway the first of the week, after meeting Dr. Easton in Portland for the week end. Dr. Easton returned to camp at Hingham, Mass. He will have a two weeks' furlough at Christmas, when Mrs. Easton will return to Bridgton for a longer stay.

Miss Marjorie Russell has gone to Connecticut, where she has a position as professional nurse in a hospital. During the past two years Miss Russell has been at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Russell, during which time she has fully regained her health.

Freeman C. Smith and his son, Freeman Jr., with Carlton Young, are employed on government construction work at Bethel.

Pvt. Scott J. Palmer, Co. D, 103rd Infantry, 26th Division, writes from a base hospital that he is recovering from shrapnel wounds in the legs received Oct. 31. He is looking for an early return home.

Mrs. William H. Callahan of Bath is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Wilham. Mr. and Mrs. Callahan will sail for France in a short time.

Stephen Hafford, who has been in the training camp at Northeastern College at Boston, has received his discharge from the service and returned to his home at Norway Lake, accompanied by a friend, Mr. Swellner, of Boston.

Dwight Libby of the H. A. T. C. Bates College, is visiting his grandfather, Hersey E. Mixer, and family during the winter vacation.

Miss Virginia Mixer, Otis and Miss Katherine Jones are at their homes from Bates during the Christmas recess.

Mrs. Charles O. Blake went to Portland, Thursday, where she will be a guest of her niece, Mrs. Lyman B. Chipman.

Rev. M. O. Balthaz, pastor of the Congregational church, is the local chairman for the Red Cross membership drive, to take place during the week of Dec. 16-23. If possible to secure a speaker from "overseas," a mass meeting will be held in the Opera House, Sunday evening. Special music and interesting features will be secured if the meeting materializes.

A big Christmas Day program has been arranged to take place at the Opera House, by manager Giles Frost and his associates. It will include a benefit Hop in the afternoon from 2 to 5 o'clock, and basket ball at 7:30.

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between Norway High and South Paris High. This is their first game for the season, and considerable excitement is expected. A dance from 9 until 1 o'clock will follow the game, with music by the popular four piece orchestra. Arrangements have been made by the game management to dance the old year out and the new year in, which will be a masquerade hop with prizes for various make-ups.

Harry Rust Post, G. A. R., have elected their officers for the ensuing year as follows:

Commander—Winfield H. Cardwell, Senior Vice Com.—Moscow E. Kimball, Junior Vice Com.—George E. Walker, Surgeon—Perry Russell, Officer of Day—David Jordan, Quartermaster—Albert P. Bassett, Outside Guard—Edward E. Kneeland, Chaplain—W. Frank Cox, Delegate to Convention—Oscar Needham.

Alternate—A. P. Bassett, Auditor—Moscow E. Kimball. The ladies of the Methodist church will hold their annual sale of aprons, home cooked food, and mystery luncheon, in the church vestry, Thursday afternoon and evening, Dec. 19. Refreshments will also be served. The ladies are making plans to hold another one of their popular dinners early in January.

The Oxford Knitting factory shut down Tuesday afternoon for a week, while the foreman, T. C. Hunkton, is in New York on business. The packing room will continue work until the manufactured goods are ready for shipment.

A team will run between Norway and South Paris daily except Sunday, from now until Jan. 1, with the following schedule: leave Norway at 7:30, 9:00, 11:30, 1:00, 3:30, 5:00, and 7:30; leave South Paris 8:00, 9:45, 12:00, 1:30, 4:00, 6:00, and 8:00. Monday and Saturday evenings the team will leave Norway at 9:30 until Dec. 19, when it will run every evening at this hour until Dec. 24.

Rev. Chester O. Miller, pastor of the Universalist church, who has been ill and confined to the house for the past two weeks, is gaining.

Victory Lodge, Royal Neighbors of America, held their regular meeting, Monday evening, for the installation of officers. Mrs. Clement, the organizer, was present. The next regular meeting will be held Monday evening, Dec. 23. An entertainment will follow the business session. Fifty-five names have been recorded on the roll, and several applications for membership have been received.

The ladies of the Universalist church held their annual Christmas sale, Wednesday afternoon and evening in the church vestry. A large number of people were present, and the various departments were well patronized.

A surprise party and shower was tendered Miss Thelma Verrill the past week by the Oxford Knitting Company employees, in honor of her approaching marriage to Elwood Pierce of West Paris. The plans were made by Mrs. Ora Harlow and Mrs. Flora York, and took place at the home of Rodney W. Verrill, a brother of the bride-to-be. She received many beautiful gifts in silver, china, and linen. Several "mystery bundles" caused much merriment. The evening was made enjoyable with music and sociability. Refreshments were served 8 o'clock, and basket ball at 7:30.

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SOUTH PARIS

At the annual meeting of the Queen Esther Circle of the Deering Memorial church held at the home of Mrs. Ivy Morton, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:

President—Miss Mary Abbott, Vice President—Miss Leota Schott, Corresponding Sec.—Miss Marion G. Simpson, Recording Sec.—Miss M. Ella Kenniston.

Treasurer—Miss C. Bernice Simpson, Mite Box Secretary—Miss Florence E. Leach, Press Reporter—Miss Doris Kerr, Missionary Com.—Miss Florence C. Leach, Miss Doris Graves.

Financial Com.—Miss C. Bernice Simpson, Miss Doris Kerr, Work Com.—Miss M. Ella Kenniston.

The ladies of the Congregational Society cleared nearly \$180 at the annual Christmas sale and entertainment. An entertainment is under way by the Junior Red Cross of Paris High school to be given about the last of December. The proceeds will go to help defray the expenses of the hospital used for the influenza. There will be a musical entertainment with a farce entitled "Aunt Patience." Those who will take part are: Miss Doris Kerr, Miss Gladys Doran, Miss Emma West, Robert Denison and Glenn Ross.

The Ladies' Aid of the Baptist church met with a big success at their fair Thursday afternoon and evening, clearing about \$110.00. The vestry was prettily decorated with red and green and there were various tables. Apron table was in charge of Mrs. Mary Stewart; food table, Mrs. Walter Denison; doll table, Mrs. Julia P. Morton; potato table, on sale by Ernest Crockett. The food and candy table were both very inviting. In the evening the young people were very entertaining in giving the following program:

Vocal Solo, Miss Evelyn Wight, Piano Solo, Miss Marion Wheeler, Recitation, Master Hugh Morton, Piano Solo, Master Herman Noyes, Song, Master Richard Noyes, Piano Duet, Miss Marion Hollis, Miss Ruth Winslow.

Recitation, Miss Rachel Small, Song, Miss Musa Taylor, Piano Solo, Miss Margaret West, Piano Solo, Miss Dorothy Denison. The Junior Christian Endeavor of the Congregational church held their meeting Wednesday afternoon at the home of their leader, Miss Thomas Barnes.

The Ladies' Missionary Society of the Congregational church met at the home of Mrs. Thomas Barnes, Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12, at 2:30 o'clock, subject, "In City Industries."

At the last meeting of the Board of Trade, Arthur E. Forbes was elected treasurer, to succeed the late John P. Plummer.

Mrs. Harry G. Fleming and family have gone to New Britain, where they will make their home with some of Mrs. Fleming's relatives, who live there. Miss Isabel Fleming, 5 years of age, remained here to make her home with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Clegg.

John Hall has been discharged from Camp Devens and arrived here with Mrs. Hall. Mrs. Hall went to Baco a short time ago to live with her people, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Newell.

Mrs. Walter L. Gray went to Boston Wednesday for a stay of a week.

Mrs. Ella H. Heald of East Sumner is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Albert D. Park.

Mrs. B. P. Atkins and Mrs. Laura Burke have been with relatives in Bethel for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry D. Cole entertained a rook party Friday evening, when five tables were filled.

Robert E. Shaw was in Bethel last week to attend the funeral of an uncle, Robert Whittle, his mother's brother, and the last surviving member of the family.

Hamlin Lodge, K. of P., went to Oxford for a visit to Craigie Lodge, Tuesday evening, Dec. 17 and worked the rank of Knight for that lodge.

Assignment of justices for the term of court in 1919 is announced. For the Oxford County term, Justice Spear will preside in February, Chief Justice Corak in May, and Justice Merrill in October.

Albert H. Wheeler of the medical department of the army, who has recently visited his mother, Mrs. Frank Dyer, has been transferred from Fort Sherman to a base hospital at Ellis Island, and expects to go across to care for convalescing soldiers.

Register of Probate Albert D. Park has been confined to the house, and most of the time to his room, by illness for the past week or more, and is still unable to be out. It is the longest time he has been confined by illness in some forty years, more or less.

H. P. Atkins has sold his shoe repairing business, which he has carried on for a number of years on Market Square, to Arthur C. Thorsen, who has taken possession, included in the transfer is most of the stock of second hand articles which Mr. Atkins had there.

A crew of the Maine Telephone and Telegraph Co. are still engaged, as they have been for quite a number of weeks, stringing new cables in the two towns. Something of the difference between

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cables and single wires may be judged from the fact that the cable which comes into Market Square, and which does not look so very large, carries 120 pairs of wires, or 240 wires. The main cable from the exchange carries nearly twice as many, 336 pairs or 672 wires. A special troop train which went through here about ten o'clock Friday evening carried one hundred Canadian officers, who arrived that day at Portland on the steamer Pannons. Some of them have served through four years of war. The announcement that such a train was coming drew a number of people to the station, but there was little to see and no demonstration during the few minutes that the train stopped here.

Private Frank Sheridan of Camp Devens, Ayer, Mass., has been discharged and is spending a few days here with relatives.

Mrs. Emma Atkinson has returned to her home in Uxbridge, N. H.

Mrs. J. H. Richardson and Mrs. Florence Bryant went to Portland last Monday to attend the Maine State Orange.

Private Lester Swan has been a guest at Hanson Swan's.

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CANTON

One of the best things been privileged to enjoy in was the lecture given heart," Chief of the Yale Home Fires Lyceum County by Col. Albee Lyceum. The entertainment opened on the violin and piano and Eleanor Westgate by "The Star Spangled Banner." A Boy Scout was color guard on the stage, the soldiers flag. At the close of the lecture, Mrs. J. DeNeve, as a nurse, recited "The Spirit Cross." The curtain arose. Strongheart was seen in a seated before his tepee and of peace. He was loudly as he arose to greet the was seen to be a man of a personality and a remarkable personality. His lecture was interesting to the spoke of the habits and customs and referred to the which they were years ago the white men. He said that a war-like people as many that they were obliged to protect their families and homes the white men have been in the past year and a half to protect themselves. He modestly spoke part in the struggle. He was to offer his services in the Germany. He was in the German and Mexican wars, medals for bravery. He spoke work the Indians were for the Red Cross. Even though were enthusiastic workers, whom on a reservation, see for the good cause, by making and selling them to tourists ing money, etc. A crowd gathered the Chief after the lecture, talk with this man who has and who is even now doing his bit for his country. A followed the entertainment music by Arthur and Eleanor. The hall was beautifully decorated with patriotic manner, Mrs. DeNeve charge of the decorations. entertainment under the the Red Cross will be Saturday, Jan. 18th, when an im reader will entertain.

Miss Ruth Johnson is attending Business College, Lewiston.

Word has been received of of Mrs. F. D. Childs at Cape Plymouth, Mass., after several illness. Mr. and Mrs. Child from Canton Point last August.

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CANTON

One of the best things Canton has been privileged to enjoy in a long time was the lecture given by "Strongheart," Chief of the Yakimas of the Home Fires Lyceum Course, produced by Colt-Alber Lyceum Bureau, Boston. The entertainment opened with selections on the violin and piano by Arthur and Eleanor Westgate, followed by "The Star Spangled Banner," when a Boy Scout was color bearer; a Red Cross nurse and two soldiers came upon the stage, the soldiers saluting the flag. At the close of the National Air Mrs. Jas. DeNeve, as a Red Cross nurse, recited "The Spirit of the Red Cross." The curtain arose and Chief Strongheart was seen in full costume seated before his tepee smoking a pipe of peace. He was loudly applauded. As he arose to greet the audience he was seen to be a man of dignified appearance and a remarkably pleasing personality. His lecture was instructive and interesting to the finish. He spoke of the habits and customs of his race and referred to the manner in which they were years ago, treated by the white men. He said they were not a war-like people as many believed, but that they were obliged to fight to protect their families and homes just as the white men have been fighting the past year and a half to protect themselves. He modestly spoke of his own part in the struggle. He was the first to offer his services in the war with Germany. He was in the Spanish-American and Mexican wars, receiving medals for bravery. He spoke of the work the Indians were accomplishing for the Red Cross. Even the children were enthusiastic workers, sixty-one of whom on a reservation, secured \$2,425 for the good cause, by making baskets and selling them to tourists and gathering moss, etc. A crowd gathered around the Chief after the lecture, wishing to talk with this man who has done things and who is even now doing more than his bit for his country. A social dance followed the entertainment with good music by Arthur and Eleanor Westgate. The hall was beautifully decorated in a patriotic manner, Mrs. DeNeve having charge of the decorations. The next entertainment under the auspices of the Red Cross will be Saturday evening, Jan. 18th, when an impersonator and reader will entertain.

Miss Ruth Johnson is attending Bliss Business College, Lewiston. Ward has been relieved of the death of her aunt, Mrs. L. O. Stetson, and daughter, Mrs. Fred Stetson. The Universalist Circle will meet at the vestry Thursday for an all day meeting. A picnic dinner will be enjoyed.

Statement made at a meeting of the Empire State Society, Sons of the American Revolution at Manhattan.

Lt. V. de Wierzbicki

of the French High Commission:

"FRANCE, in treasure as well as men, has lost by conquest four-fifths of its industries and one-fifth of its wealth, yet the people paid taxes four times as great as paid by the population of the United States. To equal the loans raised in France the loans of this country would have to reach the stupendous sum of seventy-four billions of dollars."

People: Speed up the W. S. S.

James A. Reynolds has been up country on a hunting trip and brought home two deer.

John Tripp, who has been at Mexico visiting his aunt, Mrs. Elva Haines, went hunting while there and shot a fine fox.

Miss Lida Abbott is a guest of her brother, Will Abbott, and family of Portland.

Marco Lavorgna, Jr., has returned home from Portland.

Leo Morrow has returned from Camp Devens and is stopping with his brother, Ray K. Morrow, and family of Gilbertville.

Mrs. S. T. Hayden has been ill and under the care of a trained nurse.

Bernard L. Adams, Jr., is ill.

F. Wilbur Briggs has moved his family to Canton village and they are occupying the McCallum house on High street.

Ansel Ellis has returned home from the U. of M., where he has been in military training.

The school has closed at Canton Point owing to the influenza.

Miss Ida Dodge has been a guest of her aunt, Mrs. L. O. Stetson, and daughter, Mrs. Fred Stetson.

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C. B. Heald has been to Bangor on a hunting trip and brought home a deer.

B. E. Patterson has been chosen chairman of the Red Cross Christmas drive in place of Dr. F. W. Morse, resigned.

A committee meeting was held Friday evening and the campaign is on in earnest this week.

Friends in town will be glad to learn of the improved health of Mrs. Arthur B. Briggs of Auburn, who has been an invalid for so long a time.

The meeting of the Androscoggin Valley Agricultural Society has been postponed.

Work will be in progress at the Red Cross rooms on the afternoon and evening of December 18 and 20th. The rooms will be open for work the 27th.

The work on Wednesday evening, Dec. 18, will be on surgical dressings. More workers are needed.

Miss Mary E. Coburn, who went to Plymouth, Mass., to care for Mrs. F. D. Childs, will visit friends in Massachusetts before her return.

A sale of aprons and fancy articles was held by the ladies of the United Baptist church at the G. A. R. Hall, Thursday afternoon and a harvest dinner was served to the public, from which a good sum was realized.

Donald Adams has returned from Northfield, Vt., where he has been attending Norwich University.

LOCKE'S MILLS

Mrs. Alice Farrington visited with relatives in South Paris and West Paris last week.

Mrs. Curtis Abbott is at Mechanic Falls, caring for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gibson Coffin.

Elmer Cummings and Forest Kimball have been at South Andover on a hunting trip.

Mrs. W. R. Swift was in Bryant's Pond, Wednesday.

W. W. Coolidge was in Bethel, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. L. Swan visited with relatives in Newry, Sunday.

Lester Swan has returned home from Camp Devens and Harry Cole from a camp in Virginia.

Mrs. Everett Mitchell and Mrs. L. E. Cole were in East Bethel and Hanover, Thursday.

Mrs. Tena Woodsum has returned to Mechanic Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford McAllister visited in Albany, Sunday.

Bertha Cole of Bethel visited with her parents, Sunday.

NEWRY

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Williamson and daughter, Phyllis, are visiting at F. I. French's.

F. E. Monroe of North Newry bought a young heifer of W. N. Powers last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Tuell of West Paris visited their daughter, Mrs. F. I. French, last Friday.

Miss Selma Smith assisted Mrs. Sumner Davis a few days last week.

W. H. Powers of Wrentham Location is in town, collecting taxes.

Northfield, Vt., where he has been attending Norwich University.

Guy F. Boothby has been confined to his bed by illness.

The marriage of Henry T. Tirrell of Canton and Harriet A. Hooper of Paris was solemnized at Paris, Dec. 11.

Mr. Tirrell is one of Canton's prominent business men and has been a resident of Canton for many years. Friends extend congratulations to the happy pair.

Mr. and Mrs. John Briggs are attending State Grange at Portland this week.

Evergreen Chapter, O. E. S., elected as officers Tuesday evening:

W. M.—Miss Agnes Heald.

W. P.—B. L. Adams.

A. M.—Mrs. Cora B. Fuller.

Sec.—Mrs. Clara B. Mendall.

Treas.—Mrs. Velda Bicknell.

Cond.—Mrs. Merle Y. Davis.

Assn. Cond.—Miss Ethel W. Russell.

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BETHEL, MAINE

RUMFORD

Adam Young, for several years a brakeman on the Bangor Division of the Maine Central Railroad, has been transferred to Bangor, and will run from that city to Portland.

Michael Bryant of 31 Echles street has received a telegram from Adjutant General Harris at Washington, stating that Private Harry Bryant of Company B, 103rd Infantry, had died from wounds. Mr. Bryant was 26 years of age, and worked in the Oxford mill in the sulphite department. He leaves a father, mother, three brothers and two sisters.

Word has been received from Corporal Herbert Freeman that he has arrived in England. He was sent from Camp Merritt, New Jersey.

Mrs. Mason of the Virginia District expects her son, who after two years service on the battlefields of France, has been invalided home, to arrive in Rumford shortly. Private Mason has given an arm to his country.

George Savoy has opened a lunch room in his pool room in McEneaney block.

Albert Lanouett, a pupil in the Junior High school, is suffering with a broken bone in one of his wrists. He fell while skating.

Perley B. Berry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Livingston Berry, has been honorably discharged from the military camp at the University of Maine, and has returned to Rumford.

The pupils of several of the lower grades will enjoy Christmas trees on the eve of the closing of school on Friday of next week, for a Christmas vacation of a week.

Rev. John M. Arters, for several years pastor of the Rumford Methodist church, has been appointed presiding elder of the Portland District, which embraces this part of Maine. He succeeds the late Rev. J. M. Frost, who was recently drowned in Richardson Lake. For the past two years, Mr. Arters has been engaged in temperance work in Washington.

After six years service as mail messenger, Matthew McLeod has resigned the position, between this town and Mexico. Mr. McLeod's reason for giving up the position is lack of sufficient pay. He will however continue the express and passenger business.

B. S. Kennard, cashier of the Rumford National Bank, has been elected a director of the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston. This new office will only necessitate Mr. Kennard's presence in Boston one or two days each month.

Lieut. Allan L. O. Densen, a soldier, will deliver an address in Municipal Hall on Thursday evening of this week. Lieut. Densen holds the remarkable record of having served in the French, Italian and American armies, as well as having been in the U. S. Navy as one of its training cruizers for civilians. He has been decorated by the Italian government for bravery. He was one of the first Harvard graduates to volunteer for foreign service.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Caron of York street are to leave in January to spend a greater part of the remainder of the winter in the South.

Mrs. Frank Lambert and two sons, Donald and Elwyn, are to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Lambert's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Greene, of Franklin street. Mr. Donald Lambert has just returned from a University in North Carolina, where he was stationed as an army instructor, with the commission of Lieutenant. He expects now to return to his studies at the University of Maine.

Mrs. Walter Wheeler is in charge of the Red Cross Membership Drive now on for this week.

The little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rolfe of Rumford avenue has been named Ray Armour Rolfe.

Miss Ardisine Lord, who is now at the McCarty Hospital, having submitted to a surgical operation, is improving slowly, and it is thought that her health is to be much benefited by this surgical operation.

Mr. Heidar Christensen, who has resided in Rumford for the past year and a half, having been employed at the Oxford mill, leaves town the last of the month for Angola, Indiana, where he will enter the Tri-State College, for a two years' course of study in mechanical engineering.

Miss Phila Hansen arrived in town the latter part of the week for an indefinite stay with Mr. and Mrs. Isaac W. Greene of Franklin street.

Miss Mabel Chase of the Rumford and Mexico Water District will spend the Christmas holidays in Portland with her family.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douglas from Bethel Hill were recent callers at Pleasant View Farm.

Mr. Elmer H. Lyon, after a few days' visit at the farm with his brother, Mr. H. A. Lyon, and family, returned to his home in Auburn.

Benj. R. Tyler and Homer Battell returned to Bethel after a few days' hunting in Maine and vicinity.

Saturday Mr. Lawrence Grant returned home to Hallowell, Maine, after a few days' stay at his home in Maine. We learn he was successful in securing a deer while here, also a pair of turkeys.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Capen have a new horse, after two new ones.

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relatives. Mr. and Mrs. John E. Stephens of Prospect avenue and daughter, Laura, will leave in January for a protracted stay in the South.

Dr. Fred E. Wheat, who has been a practicing physician in this town for quite a number of years, is now expecting to move to Westbrook and take up medical work in that city. His house on Penobscot street is for sale. For the past few months, Dr. Wheat has been at Camp Devens in medical work for his country.

Eminent Commander Dana C. York of Strathglass Commandery, Knights Templar, No. 21, is sending out Christmas remembrances to Sir Knights and others. The Commandery will observe Christmas in the usual manner at high tide on Christmas Day at Masonic Hall.

Mrs. A. K. Martin leaves on Saturday for a ten days visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Martin, of Brighton, Mass.

Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hutchins of Franklin street entertained Mr. and Mrs. William Cushman at a venison supper on Tuesday evening.

The employees of the L. P. Company who threatened a strike some days ago, on instructions received from the head of the labor union, still waiting the final decision of the war labor board. It is expected that the matter will be amicably adjusted.

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CHARLES L. RIPLEY, November 19th, 1918. 12-12-21.

Get the Genuine and Avoid Waste. MORGAN'S SAPOLLO SCOURING SOAP Economy in Every Cake.

EAST BETHEL. Mr. H. E. Bartlett of East Bethel shot a nice deer Saturday, Dec. 14. As it was the last day for deer hunting he had decided to walk out and try his luck at hunting once more. Glancing out to note the weather he saw a band of deer walk up the road and go into his open field leading to the woods. He very quietly walked out in front of his house, and shot rang out, and the deer was lifeless when reached and his hunting trip was off for 1918. Elwyn is some seven years young, but as good a shot as ever, and usually gets his deer while many younger hunters fail. He was delighted as a boy and dressed off his game without assistance. Many can testify that it was most delectable venison.

Other lucky deer hunters were O. R. Hastings and Dana Harrington.

MIDDLE INTERVALE ROAD. Ned Carter went into the woods with his new boyhood Celebrek, Tuesday.

Mrs. Mary J. Capen spent several days with her sister, Mrs. Gunther, last week and returned to her old home, Sunday.

Wm. Gunther went into the woods with Ned Carter and Mrs. Gunther will stay with her son, Howard, for awhile.

Albee Gunther is at home from Norway, spending the holidays with her mother.

J. P. Coledge has been laid up several days with neuralgia in his face and head.

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ANDOVER

Mrs. Owen Lovejoy has gone to Lynn, Mass., for the winter. Her son, Private Marchant Parrott, is ill in a New Jersey hospital, suffering from shell shock and from being gassed while on the fighting line in France.

Mr. L. Thurston of Bethel was in town the first of the week.

Miss Mary Thibot of Boston is the guest of her brother, John F. Talbot. The common schools close Friday for the holiday vacation.

Mrs. John Hecoy, Ted and Mary Hecoy with Howard Dunning as chauffeur were at Rumford, Monday.

The Camp Fire Girls are canvassing the town this week for the Red Cross membership.

The Red Cross rooms are open Tuesday and Friday afternoons.

Ray Learned shot two nice deer last week.

The Andover stage has been carrying the mail to Rumford this week with horses.

Mrs. Alice Crocker left town Monday for Rumford, where she will spend a few weeks.

Ray Thurston has been at home from his camps at Aziscoos Lake for a few days.

George French of Nashua, N. H., has been a recent guest of his uncle, John A. French.

Rev. George Graham, a former pastor of the Congregational church here, is supplying at the Congregational church in Weld.

Clayton C. Sweet, the Representative-elect to the Legislature, is intending to leave town for Augusta the last of the month.

News has reached Andover of the serious illness of Mrs. Martha Marston Hall of Auburn with cancer.

E. W. Abbott and James Littlehale are hauling wood to parties in the village.

Irring Akers is cutting pulp wood on his farm at North Andover.

Deferred. B. L. Akers has gone to Stillwater to visit Oscar Wakefield and family.

George Thomas, who has been very ill at a Providence, R. I. hospital, is gaining slowly.

Lawrence Parsons is working for Ray Thurston, driving his truck.

F. Perley Flint of Newry, G. C. Barker of Hanover, V. A. Thurston and Wm. Learned are at C. Pond this week, hunting.

Stephen Marston shot a nice deer the first of the week.

Leater Thurston is at home from the University of Maine for the Christmas vacation.

The Ladies' Aid of the Congregational church met Wednesday afternoon with the president, Mrs. J. N. Atwood.

Milton Crossman and family from Alberta, Canada, are visiting friends in town.

Richard Talbot, who has spent two weeks in town, has returned to his home in Augusta. He shot two nice deer while here.

Wm. Laughlin returned from Richardson Lake last week, where he had helped patrol the lake shore for the bodies of Harry DeLong and wife and Rev. Joshua Frost, who were drowned in November. The body of the little boy was recovered in eight feet of water.

Members of the Congregational church are making a drive this week for personal subscriptions for local, national and world-wide mission work, and are meeting with good success.

John Hecoy has gone to Aziscoos Lake to work in the woods for Ray Ward has been received from Camp Devens that Private Ray Loknes, who has been ill for several months in a hospital there has had another severe attack of illness.

Mrs. Edward Stuart has gone to Canada for the winter to join her husband, who has employment there.

Mrs. Lizzie Holley and children have moved to Rumford.

Charles Ripley and family have moved into rooms at Glenella.

Mrs. Victorine Blanchard, who has passed the summer in Andover, has returned to her winter home in Weston, Mass.

About 3 inches of snow fell Sunday night, making good sleighing.

Forest Babcock has gone to Aziscoos Lake to work in the woods for Ray Thurston.

Rev. J. N. Atwood preached an interesting sermon Sunday morning from the text, "Love worketh no ill to your neighbor, therefore love is the fulfillment of the law."

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WEST PARIS

Mrs. Nellie Dunham, wife of Carroll A. Bacon, died at her home Friday morning at 1 o'clock, after a painful illness from internal cancer, with which she had been afflicted for several months. She was born at North Paris and was 35 years of age. Besides her husband she is survived by a son, Earle, and daughter, Margaret, also her parents, William F. Dunham of Lynn, Mass., and mother, Mrs. Mary Dunham of West Paris, and a brother, Clarence O. Dunham of the United States Navy.

A nephew, Billy Roderick, has nearly always lived with her. She leaves a grandmother, Mrs. Martha Dunham of this village. Mrs. Bacon was a member of the Universalist church and Camp Fire Girls. Mrs. Bacon was an estimable woman, whose life was full of loving service and kindness. A large circle of friends regret her death and sympathize with the bereaved family.

The funeral was held from the Universalist church at 1 o'clock Sunday, Rev. H. A. Markley officiating. There were many beautiful flowers. Interment in West Paris cemetery.

The sale, supper and entertainment held by the aid and circle of the Federated churches Thursday was successful and well patronized.

Roscoe Tuell is very ill, but is improving.

Friday evening the Pine Cone Club held a public whist party at Centennial Hall.

Mrs. Ella Haines of Cambridge, Mass., is the guest of her brother, Lewis M. Mann.

Mrs. Betsy G. Curtis of Curtis Hill passed her 80th birthday Dec. 9, and Mr. and Mrs. Daniel C. Churchill were her guests during the day. Mr. Churchill is the oldest man in Paris, and carries the Boston Post case.

Mrs. Alice Farrington of Locke's Mills has been the guest of Mrs. Clara Bidlon.

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Mrs. I. L. Bowker of Portland came Saturday on account of the illness of her father, Roscoe Tuell.

Henry B. Markley, a member of the A. R. F. in England has arrived safely at New York, and wired his parents that he will be detained with others for two weeks quarantine. He entered service a year ago this month, taking training in Texas, and being sent to England in April. There his squadron, the 338th, was employed at Sheffield in the building of airplane engines. Some two months ago the squadron was in Ireland. He is the only son of Rev. and Mrs. Howard A. Markley, and will be 21 next August.

Mr. and Mrs. S. R. Johnson are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, Sunday, Dec. 15. Name, Irma Belle.

Miss Clara Bacon is at home from teaching at Farmington Normal and Mildred Davis and Grace Brock, students at Farmington Normal are at home for the Christmas vacation.

Will F. Dunham of Lynn, Mass., and Alton Packard of Lisbon Falls were in town Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Nellie Bacon.

Mrs. Gertrude Bacon has been ill from influenza, but is reported improving. Some of her children have the disease, also those of George Proctor in the family of Elmer Bacon.

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OVER HILL

Miss Rachel Mayberry was considerably bruised and shaken up a few days since, when a ladder which she was descending slipped carrying her with it from the roof to the barn floor below. She is convalescing, although somewhat lame from the effects of the fall.

Karl J. Stearns has a position, negotiating for the C. V. L. Co., at Pittsburgh, N. H.

Mr. and Mrs. Lynnon Wheeler from Bethel village were at A. B. Grover's, Sunday.

The No. 4 mail carrier came with a sleigh Dec. 18th.

True Brown recently sold his large calves to T. B. Burke, who shipped them with a lot of other stock to Auburn, Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Douglas from Bethel Hill were recent callers at Pleasant View Farm.

Mr. Elmer H. Lyon, after a few days' visit at the farm with his brother, Mr. H. A. Lyon, and family, returned to his home in Auburn.

Benj. R. Tyler and Homer Battell returned to Bethel after a few days' hunting in Maine and vicinity.

Saturday Mr. Lawrence Grant returned home to Hallowell, Maine, after a few days' stay at his home in Maine. We learn he was successful in securing a deer while here, also a pair of turkeys.

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POEMS WORTH READING

THE MOTHER'S CHRISTMAS GIFT
It never comes to Christmas but I think about the times
We used to have our pennies and our nickels and our dimes,
And we hunched them all together, even a little baby brother
Put in something for the present that we always gave to mother.

We began to talk about it very early in December,
'Twas a very serious matter to us children,
I remember, And we used to whisper nightly our suggestions to each other,
For by nothing cheap and tawdry could we show our love for mother.

Here must be a gift of beauty, fit to symbolize her ways—
It must represent the sweetness and the love that marked her days.
It must be the best our money, all combined, had power to buy,
And be something that she longed for, nothing else would satisfy.

Then it mattered not the token, once the purchase had been made,
It was smuggled home and hidden and with other treasures laid,
And we placed our present proudly in her lap on Christmas day,
And we snuggled her with kisses and we laughed her tears away.

It never comes to Christmas but I think about the times
We used to have our pennies and our nickels and our dimes,
And the only folk I envy are the sisters and the brothers
Who still have the precious privilege of buying for their mothers.

—American Boy.

THE YULE CHRISTMAS
They're acting mighty funny up at our house nowadays,
They're different than they used to be as 'em changed in many ways;
Not long ago if I should want some toy upon a shelf,
They used to make me get a chair and just sit for myself!

Now I want building blocks and want to get 'em, too,
As 'em three of 'em get up as 'em said: "I'll get 'em down for you."
I used to have to hunt for things that somehow went astray,
They let me open drawers without a word to say;
Ma would sew and Ma would play, and pa would read his book,
An' never think of gettin' from their chairs to help me look.

But last night when I started in to find my 'terric car,
They all exclaimed: "We'll hunt for it; you stay right where you are!"
I've never known 'em to be so kind in all my life before,
They'll jump to wait on me an' find the things I'm hearin' for;
Although they used to grumble an' to say I was a pest,
I'm not a bother any more—but why, I haven't guessed.

I only know that when I want some toy that's on the shelf,
They're mighty quick to see that I don't hunt for it, myself.
—Edgar A. Owen, in Chicago Daily News.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS
The joy that's born of Christmas gifts is not within themselves
Or you or I could pick our joys from any merchant's shelves.
And you could buy more costly things than ever I could give,
And though no friends should come your way, you'd still be loved and live.
Yet some poor trinket rich becomes and treasure to the end,
Because it is the symbol of a true and loyal friend.

The thing is nothing as it lies upon a merchant's shelf,
And so you'd thought you'd give to it for what it is itself.
There may be thousands like it round about you everywhere,
But let a friend bring it to you and straightway it is rare.
For something of that friend lies in the simple gift is wrought
And it becomes a precious thing—a token of a thought.

We are a sentimental class, we fight and strive for gold,
Yet treasure which we cannot guard we never thought or sold.
The things we value most are not the things we money buys,
But all those sweet and lovely things that memory bids us prize.
The faded images of a love not in themselves are dear,
Not in the thought they bring to us of one no longer here.

And so it is with Christmas gifts, 'tis friends who make them rare,
The things that with love in rich and poor worth beyond compare;
The thought that at present from some friendly hand to you
It has come a value that no time can ever take away.

SAVE MEAT

by serving more delicious when you serve meat made tender, fish and game.
It is made in the pleasure of the meat.
ASK GROCERS FOR



And what was common in itself is now beyond all price
Because it represents to you some good friend's sacrifice.

SOMETHING WRONG
If you've lost your seat for Christmas,
Lost your love for all its cheer;
If you scold at gifts and giving
As the Christmas time draws near,
If you frown at all the clutter
When old Santa trims his tree,
Tell me, please, what is the matter?
Something's wrong, it seems to me!

If the stocking by the hearthstone
Wakes no memory in your breast,
If the coming of old Santa
After all have gone to rest
Does not rouse your heart to action,
Make it beat and throb and kick,
Answer for my satisfaction,
Are you sure you are not sick?

If you can't feel joy at Christmas,
Joy of life and joy of song;
If you can't rejoice in giving,
Whether it be right or wrong;
If the Yule log's invitation
To your heart no cheer can give,
Let me ask how in creation
It is worth your while to live!

—Laura Sheldon in New York Times.

DIXFIELD
The annual inspection of Monitor Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, was held at Masonic Hall, Monday evening, Dec. 16. D. D. G. M. Mrs. Emma B. Howe of Rumford was present to inspect the work of the Chapter. A short entertainment followed.

Mrs. Emma F. Small entertained her Sunday school class of boys, Tuesday evening. The class is preparing for the Sunday School Christmas exercises. At a special meeting of the Dixfield branch of the Red Cross held Thursday evening at Masonic banquet hall, the following committee was appointed to canvass the village and rural districts this week for the Red Cross membership: Chairman, Miss Irene Harlow, Arthur Stanley, Willis Waite, W. L. Paul, D. A. Gates, Arthur Stowell, J. M. Holland, T. P. Holt, Mrs. Edith Holt, Miss Milley Russell, Klans Brackett, G. O. Gardner. There was a good attendance at the meeting, and all expressed themselves as being just as enthusiastic in the cause and willing to work in interest of the organization, as long as the work was needed. When one of the committee calls at your home during this week, express your loyalty, and patriotism by renewing your membership to the Red Cross.

The many friends of Mr. and Mrs. George May are glad to welcome them back to their home after an absence of seven months. Mr. May has been doing carpenter work at Hancock, N. H., and Mrs. May has been with her sister and family in Cambridge, Mass. They returned to Dixfield last week.

Among the sick ones reported this week are members of H. B. Marsh, Orlando Hines and Elmer Roberts families, Treat Howard, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Robinson, Miss Hilda Humphrey and Mrs. Klans Brackett.

RICHARDSON HOLLOW GREENWOOD
G. W. Richardson returned from Upton, Friday, with a fine deer.
W. E. Penley was in Norway, Saturday, also Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Richardson.
R. E. Chapman and Linwood Rogers spent Sunday at R. B. Barker's, Norway.

MARSHALL DISTRICT
There will be a school entertainment followed by a dance at Hunt's Corner Grange Hall, Dec. 26, 8:30 P. M.
Mr. Henry Briggs of New Gloucester, Me., visited at his brother's, G. W. Briggs, a few days last week.
Miss Irene Briggs and Mr. Henry Briggs went to Bethel last Tuesday and were called at Fred Wheeler's.

G. W. Briggs entertained for C. H. McWhiter last week.

THE HOME CIRCLE

Pleasant Reveries—A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as they join the Home Circle at Evening Tide.

FOR CHRISTMAS DAY
There's a bustle in the kitchen
And a rattle and a din
And such peculiar goings on
You'd best not venture in.
The eggs are being beaten,
And the butter's being dripped;
And the flour's being shaken,
And the cream is being whipped.
The nuts have had their heads cracked;
The jelly's all aglaze;
Outsiders keep your distance—
Daisy's making Christmas cake.

Don't say she's lost her ribbon
And her apron's all awry;
Don't speak of flour upon her nose
And smut above her eye;
Don't tell her that the pans aren't greased,
The powder's quite at fault,
That the heaping cup of sugar
Was a heaping cup of salt;
Don't mention that the fire is out,
'Twould be a grave mistake.
Onlookers, keep your distance
When Daisy's baking cake.
—Nancy Byrd Turner in St. Nicholas.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS
That the spirit of Christmas is upon us one need but walk through the stores these days and be convinced. Visit the toy department of any store and learn that Christmas, with its kind old Santa Claus and, in fact, the whole Yuletide spirit lie deep in the hearts of the children.

Perhaps there are among the grown-ups some who haven't noticed that Christmas dolls and rocking horses and skates and such delectable things are ever so different from the common or garden variety of the year round. Miss Bessie, the Christmas doll, for instance, is not to have her silk clad body and waxen curls swathed in brown paper and delivered by an ordinary delivery wagon. Most emphatically not!

The spirit of Christmas is abroad, and he whispers of Santa Claus and reindeer that pull the jolly old man and his sleigh over the snow covered roof tops and stand prancing and pawing at each home while Santa alps down the chimney.

For it is in just this way that the Christmas doll, the Irish doll, the rocking horse and even the big toy automobile are transported from the show cases and windows of the department stores to a place beneath the Christmas trees of eager little girls and boys on Christmas eve. If any one doubts this let him ask even the first little girl or boy he meets in the toylands.—Washington Star.

THE JOLLY CHRISTMAS TREE
It is the right of every child to have a Christmas tree, whether large or small, real or artificial. Tree of some sort there must be if there is to be a real Christmas for the children, and, of course, Christmas is primarily for them.

It was the writer's privilege last year to see Christmas trees of every description, from the brilliantly lighted and lavishly decorated tree to the tiny artificial tree which shuts up like a jackknife and may be stored away in a small corner when not in use. Much was learned of the ways and means of Christmas tree decorators and designers that will probably be helpful and suggestive to those expecting to have trees of some sort this year.

To make Christmas stockings get this month and cover with crepe paper. The little raw edges around the stockings can be drawn out and made into narrow ruffles. The with bright ribbons. Little stockings made of felt are very dainty, and they can be joined with bright ribbons, so that the contents will show through the thin mesh. Certain net makes nice stockings. Cut two pieces the shape of a stocking; butte the edges together with bright colored wool; put cookies, an orange, an apple, candy and nuts in the stocking; add a little toy, then hang on the tree.

Old pieces of newspaper ribbon make pretty candy bags and stockings. Line net candy bags with paraffin paper. The lining will catch on the sewing machine with the net, and the candy will be much more palatable for the extra care taken.

HAVE MORE HENS AND FEWER LICE

Tons of Valuable Food in the Form of Energy and Body Food Consumed by Poultry Fests—99 Per Cent of Flocks are Lousy—Complete Eradication Possible by Use of Sodium Fluoride

Tons of valuable chicken feed which poultrymen give to their fowls is wasted. Although it is eaten by the birds, it does not go to produce eggs or meat. It is consumed, in the form of energy or body food, by millions of lice which work unseen, in many cases, to the poultrymen. Feed is too high and meat too scarce to permit this waste to go on. To keep birds healthy, to utilize to the fullest extent all of the available feed, and to produce winter eggs, it is necessary to get rid of lice.

Investigations of the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture show that over 99 per cent of the flocks of this country are lousy. Many of these are so lousy that they are maintained at a loss. Others have some lice—even a few are too many and should not be tolerated—and the owners do not know it or are indifferent to their presence.

Late fall is the best time to eradicate lice from the flock. At this season chickens are largely matured and the flock is reduced in size for winter through culling out undesirable birds. At this season, too, poultry are confined in the poultry house more than they have been during the spring and summer seasons, and the lice have a greater opportunity to carry on their work of destruction. Following molting the lice are usually reduced in numbers, but if they are not all destroyed they multiply greatly during the winter. This causes reduced egg production, loss in flesh and lowered vitality. Lice also have been found to gnaw the feathers to such an extent that protection from the cold of winter is greatly reduced. The plumage of show birds is also damaged by them.

Complete Eradication Possible
The complete eradication of all lice from a flock is easy and inexpensive. Dust or dip every fowl once with sodium fluoride and the lice are banished if lousy chickens are not introduced. About 12 small pinches of sodium fluoride are sufficient for each fowl if placed in the feathers next to the skin. Each different part of the bird should be treated; that is, the head, neck, back, breast, below vent, wings and tail. This so-called "pinch" method of application is advised for small flocks. For flocks of 25 or more the dipping method is the best. Choose a warm, sunny day for dipping. Place from 7 to 10 gallons of lukewarm water in a tub and add a level tablespoonful of sodium fluoride for each gallon. The fowls are held with one hand and lowered beneath the water except the head. With the other hand the feathers should be ruffled to permit the dip to enter them. Duck the head completely under once or twice, followed by raising the head and neck feathers with the fingers.

There is absolutely no injury to fowls by treatment with sodium fluoride, and by dipping, as outlined above, the feathers are not wet very much and the birds dry quickly. This is very different from the case in dipping fowls in cresote compounds and other dips which have commonly been used.

Sodium fluoride is now carried by most of the wholesale druggists throughout the country, and certain large mail-order houses quote it in their catalogues. The price ranges from 25 cents to 40 cents a pound, according to locality. One pound will treat one hundred hens by the "pinch" method, and the amount of material used in dipping is considerably less. The Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture has found that with a convenient method of catching the chickens 100 fowls can be dipped in about 25 minutes with a man working. The dipping method is somewhat slower and there is a slight danger of smothering certain portions of the chickens through carelessness and thus allowing a few lice to escape destruction.

To Increase Poultry and Egg Supply
Every commercial breeder, every farmer, every back land poultry raiser, the best watery effect. Powdered meal will give a snowy appearance if sprinkled over wool. The effect of new fall snow can be produced by taking branches and dipping them in gum arabic water and sprinkling with flour.

For planning gifts on the tree dress clothespins in fancy tissue paper as dolls or flowers or like Santa Claus. Little tinny toys which were broken last year may be used again. Fill them with cotton and paste the broken parts in the cotton, then hang them high on the tree.

So much of the beauty of a tree depends upon its lighting, but when small children are present it is often dangerous to use candles. An ordinary lantern may be used for lighting purposes. Cover with red tissue or crepe paper and tie with a cord in the edge near the top of the lantern. A wide margin of paper may be left and pulled out to form a huge flower. The lantern is secured to the trunk of the tree, as near the center as possible. A smaller lantern may be hung at the top of the tree for more light. Exchange.

One Father in Ten

One father in ten may—with good fortune—leave to his family a nest-egg of income-earning funds.

But every father can start now to teach his children the sound principles of saving and investment.

A War Savings Certificate, carrying from one to twenty five-dollar W. S. S. Stamps, deposited in your strong box in the name of son or daughter, is not only the best of Christmas gifts but the beginning of a business education. That certificate can never be worth less than its cost; it grows in value every day you hold it. Your one stamp is just as sound as if you had ten thousand like it. A gold coin is not so safe, because you can register the stamp as your child's property. Never before has such a gilt-edge government security been brought to the Christmas tree.

Lend your money to the Government to pay its overdue war bills, and you will receive the Government's bond (in the form of War Savings Stamps) to pay back with interest. Let this bond be your gift to wife or child.

BUTTER PAPER

MRS. BUTTERMAKER

Do you realize how much it adds to the sale of your butter to have your name printed on the wrapper?

\$3.50 per 1000 Sheets

We Furnish the Paper.

The Citizen Office

is urged to keep these aims steadily in view:

1. Keep better poultry. Standard-bred poultry improves the quality and increases production.
2. Select healthy, vigorous breeders to produce strong chicks.
3. Hatch early to produce fall and winter layers.
4. Preserve eggs when cheap for home use.
5. Produce infertile eggs, except for hatching.
6. Cull the flocks to eliminate unprofitable producers.
7. Keep a small backyard flock to supply the family table.
8. Grow as much poultry feed as possible.
9. Eat more poultry and eggs to conserve the meat supply.

GREEN FEED IN WINTER

Green feeds for poultry contain only a small percentage of actual food nutrients, but are important because of their succulence and bulk, which lighten the grain rations and assist in keeping the birds in good condition. The poultryman should secure a sufficient supply of such feeds to last through the winter months in sections where growing green feeds can not be obtained. When chickens are fattened without the use of milk, green feed helps to keep them in good condition.

Cabbages, mangels, turnips, clover, alfalfa, and sprouted oats are the green feeds commonly used during the winter. Cabbages do not keep as well in ordinary cellars as well as mangels, turnips, so where both of these feeds are available the cabbages are fed first. They are often suspended, while the mangels and turnips are split and stuck on a nail on the wall of the pen. Clover and alfalfa may be fed as hay, cut into one-half to 1 inch lengths, or may be bought in the form of meal. Alfalfa meal has a feeding analysis equal to bran, but is not as digestible on account of its larger percentage of fiber. Clover and alfalfa should be cut while slightly immature if they are to be cured and fed to poultry. The leaves and chaff from such hay are especially adapted for poultry feeding.

NORTH BETHEL

Otha W. Brooks is quite poorly. Dr. Treadwell is attending him.

Allen A. Brooks and daughter are visiting at O. W. Brooks' for a few days.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hansen called on O. W. Brooks, Sunday.

The family of Clyde J. Brooks, who have been sick with bad colds, are all better.

EAST SUMNER

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holland have lost three children the last week by pneumonia following influenza: Charlie, aged 13; Wilma, 6, and Anna, 4. Mrs. Holland is sick in bed and another daughter, Doris, is critically ill with pneumonia. Two trained nurses are in attendance and Mrs. Holland's sister, Mrs. Radie Turner. They have the sympathy of all.

Mrs. Lucy Russell has gone to Florida to spend the winter.

The December allotment of the Red Cross has been received and work will begin Wednesday.

Mrs. Ellen Poland is the guest of her son, J. H. Poland, and family.

Mrs. Philip Tucker, who has been ill at the home of her parents in Turner, has returned home.

Miss Gladys Buck, a trained nurse, is ill at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Mel Alley from Caribou, Maine, have been guests of his sister, Mrs. Geo. E. Harrows.

Kather Eastman will have a three weeks' vacation from her school at Wethersfield.

Mrs. H. W. Bonney continues to gain and is able to walk alone.

Mary Farns from Buckfield is with Mrs. C. A. Honey for awhile.

Friends of Harold Keene are glad to welcome him home from Camp Upton, also Harold Gammon from U. of M. Mary Bryant has returned from Rumford, where she spent ten days with her sister.

When some people talk it's a waste of time to yawn.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS AT ITS HEIGHT

Wonderful Support Everywhere—Log Accorded to Membership Campaign.

The Christmas Bell Call across Red Cross, as the membership campaign has been termed is now at its height, and in our own community but in city and town of the New England Division with which the local Cross interests are identified, throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This campaign for membership in 1919—and because a new year does not mean that he will canvassed this time, dollar in retaining their membership single year—is expected to result at least a doubling of last year's membership of twenty two million. The slogan of this campaign, national leaders and while it is, of course, out of the question for everybody it is hoped and expected, that when the books are next Monday night, the total work up close to 60,000,000 for the year.

Those who have had the management of the plans for campaign were at first a bit that with the war virtually over would think that the work of the Cross had ended, that the need was primarily and almost exclusively a nursing organization. Happily, reality to date in this and other statistics show conclusively the fears of the leaders were ill-founded and that the general public is more keenly alive to the future of the Red Cross than the most enthusiastic had dared to hope. Everywhere reports that a very general desire to become members in the Red Cross for 1919 that those who, through some have not been personally solicited really insulted. It is which so very generously ex New England is to be found in sections of the country that it is nearly certain that there will very close approximation to the "universal membership" slogan of the drive.

Under the system of organization that is being followed in most New England chapters and in the first portion of this week we want to more or less of a house, a store-to-store campaign order that some might escape asked to join, and to pay his Just as soon as it had been for the personal canvass was conducted by the bars were thrown down a today and for the rest of the campaign, which ends on Monday, there is promiscuous and very a solicitation for membership. However, one and one very (way to prevent a person from repeatedly asked, in his towns town, to "Join the Red Cross. That means is by exposing his button conspicuously upon the garment. The slogan of today, and even tomorrow, is "Show your Cross button." The fellow who it on will receive a smile, but more urgent, from the canvass. Those who do not show their will be taken as still being the Red Cross fold and will, a lastly, be solicited to join.

This is the last "war campaign" year that has been crowded drive of various sorts, all of important, all, of them essential to the winning of the war. The more of the present membership drive of the Red Cross is to continue is to keep up its grand work for our boys, and their families, among the Allied soldiers and Allies it must have the support of American people. The request for call for 1919 membership is the answer to the question of whether the United States want the work to continue, while this is distinctly a membership drive, it is the individual in the future to defray all of the trailing expenses of the great nation of mercy.

The New England Division has, as a stimulus for its two elegant flags. One will be in that city or town under population which, in the present drive, most closely reaches the national membership standards. Other flag will be for cities and towns above 10,000 population showing highest membership to population. Do your part to lead the community.

MAINE CHRISTMAS 1918-19 RED CROSS

By the Christmas Bell across the entire available population in the ranks of the organization to make American 1918-19 Cross, so that the world may see that the country stands solidly unshakably for the principles of honor, mercy and good faith to the nations.

RED CROSS DRIVE IS AT ITS HEIGHT

Wonderful Support Everywhere Being Accorded Membership Campaign.

The Christmas Roll Call of the American Red Cross, as the annual membership campaign has been officially termed, is now at its height, not only in our own community but in every city and town of the New England Division with which the local Red Cross interests are identified, but also throughout the length and breadth of the land.

This campaign for members for 1919—and because a man or woman joined and paid his dollar a year ago does not mean that he will not be canvassed this time, dollar members retaining their membership but a single year—is expected to result in at least a doubling of last year's membership of twenty-two millions. "Universal Membership" has been made the slogan of this campaign by the national leaders and while it is, of course, out of the question to enroll everybody it is hoped, and even expected, that when the books close on next Monday night, the total will foot up close to \$60,000,000 for the country at large.

Those who have had the active management of the plans for this campaign were at first a bit fearful that with the war virtually over many would think that the work of the Red Cross had ended, that the Red Cross was primarily and almost exclusively a nursing organization. Happily, the results to date in this and other communities show conclusively that the fears of the leaders were ill-founded and that the general public is even more keenly alive to the future needs for the Red Cross than the most enthusiastic had dared to hope. Solicitors everywhere report that there is a very general desire to become enrolled in the Red Cross for 1919 and that those who, through some error, have not been personally solicited feel really insulted. If this spirit which so very generously exists in New England is to be found in other sections of the country then it is reasonably certain that there will be a very close approximation to the "Universal Membership" slogan of these in charge.

Under the system of organization that is being followed in most of the New England chapters and branches, the first portion of this week was devoted to more or less of a house-to-house, a store-to-store campaign in order that none might escape being asked to join, and to pay his dollar. Just as soon as it had been felt that the personal canvass was completed the bars were thrown down so that leader and for the rest of the campaign, which ends on Monday night, there is promiscuous and very general solicitation for membership. There is, however, one and one very certain way to prevent a person from being repeatedly asked, in his towns about town, to "Join the Red Cross. And that means is by exposing his or her button conspicuously upon the outer garment. The slogan of today, here and everywhere, is "Show your Red Cross button." The fellow who has it on will receive a smile, but nothing more urgent, from the canvassers. Those who do not show their button will be taken as still being without the Red Cross fold and will, accordingly, be solicited to join.

This is the last "war campaign" of a year that has been crowded with drives of various sorts, all of them important, all of them essential to the winning of the war. The importance of the present membership campaign of the Red Cross is twofold. If the organization is to continue, if it is to keep up its grand work among our boys, and their families, and among the Allied soldiers and their Allies it must have the support of the American people. The response to the call for 1919 membership will be the answer to the question as to whether the United States people want the work to continue. And while this is distinctly a membership drive, and in no sense a money campaign, the fact remains that the dollar membership fee from each is to be the only revenue that will be received in the future for Red Cross purposes.

Chairman Davison of the Red Cross War Council has authoritatively stated that there will be no more money campaigns conducted by the Red Cross. The revenue from membership, nominal as the individual fee is expected to furnish sufficient funds in the future to defray all of the operating expenses of the great organization of mercy.

The New England Division has offered, as a stimulus for its workers, two elegant flags. One will be given to that city or town under 10,000 population which, in the present campaign, most closely reaches the Universal Membership standard. The other flag will be for cities and towns above 10,000 population showing the highest membership to population ratio. The year part to lead a flag for the community.

MAKE AMERICA 1919, RED CROSS
By the Christmas Roll Call, the American Red Cross aims to reach the entire available population in the ranks of the organization in order to make American 1919 Red Cross, so that the world may know that the country stands solidly and unshakably for the principles of honor, mercy and good faith among the nations.

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WILL YOU BE WEARING YOUR RED CROSS BUTTON WHEN THE BOYS COME HOME?

— WHEN ALL YOU NEED TO JOIN THE RED CROSS IS "A HEART AND A DOLLAR" AND YOU CAN WEAR THE BUTTON ALONG WITH THE REST OF THE CROWD— OH-H-H-BOY! AIN'T IT A GR-R-R-RAND AND GLOR-R-IOUS FEELIN'?



By courtesy of Clare Briggs, New York Tribune.

KEEPING HOME FIRES BURNING UNTIL THE SOLDIER RETURNS

The Red Cross has for years been associated with hospitals, doctors, soldiers, sailors, battles, disasters; but it is only within the last few months that those who do not come under any of these classes have come to realize the importance of the assistance rendered by the Red Cross.

Soldiers and sailors must be encouraged to "carry on." Their morale must be upheld. The sailor or soldier who is worrying about the welfare of his family is not able to put his mind on the business before him. For this reason the Home Service Section of the American Red Cross has been organized, and to the folks at home it means neighborliness, counsel and aid—the nation's assurance to the enlisted man that his family shall suffer for no essential thing that is within its power to give.

In practically every large city of the United States there is already a class for training the workers of the Home Service section, so that they may be able to efficiently deal with the very real problems that are before them. It is not the policy of the section to force upon families the aid of the Red Cross nor to burden them with interference. No family should be approached unless some member of the family or some person capable of speaking for them has asked for the service. Because it is the desire of the Committee on Civilian Relief, under whose direction this work comes, to keep the service of the bureau strictly confidential, the wearing of any uniform by the Home Service workers has been discouraged. They call simply as friends and try to call immediately when requested.

In no instance is a visitor permitted to pry into the secrets of the family. Help is always ready, and the call usually comes from the man in the service himself. Through the work, even in the camp or at the front he learns that his family may be assisted, and if he does not hear regularly or encouragingly he is quite apt to talk over with the Red Cross man or woman the affairs of his home when he learns of the friendly interest, and thus send local workers to his family. The school teachers also are often the informants for they know through the children of the needs at home and are glad to see the family's problems solved.

Living is more difficult for every one in war times, and the mothers are lonely and discouraged, and this brings hardship on the heads of the little children. Sometimes the wife and mother is worrying over financial problems, and here the Home Service bureau is always helpful, for it tactfully assists her in properly managing her affairs, in planning her income and, of course, seeing that she is receiving sufficient allotment, and this regularly, and then if it becomes necessary the Red Cross is always ready to supplement the income. Where medical care or operations for the welfare of the

children are necessary the Home Service is ready to assist, to secure proper care for the children needing it and to ease the mind of the mother.

Milk for Sick Babies.

Everywhere in the war zone there are sick babies and babies needing milk. The American Red Cross is establishing milk stations, and the babies of Italian soldiers are beginning to thrive already under the competent care of the nurses, some of whom were Infant Welfare nurses in our own country before going overseas. At

Children of the Crusade

By JEANNE JUDSON.

Frightened and pitiful, they walk apart,
Through the familiar village street, grown strange,
Hand clasped in hand, they hear weird echoes start
From ruined homes. Fear dumbs each small, child heart.

No tears rain down like dew to ease their woe;
Horror has dried the wells from which they sprang,
Like wee crusaders of the long ago,
Their phantom banners in the breezes blow.

If one should call out "Follow!" they would run,
Grime of the highway on their tiny feet,
Heedless alike of dust and blazing sun,
Forget, as dreams, the horrors that were done.

None calls; weary they rest within the shade,
The ruined church, where once they learned to pray,
Long years before the war had come, and laid
Their homes in ruins, made their hearts afraid.

Before the Holy Mother low they bow,
Perhaps she hears and soon will bring them aid,
It must be she whose voice is calling now,
For see the cross is shining on her brow!

The light around her head, a nimbus gleams,
A Red Cross worker, not from Heaven, they know,
Yet Mary heard and sent her here it seems,
To lead them home to shelter and to dreams.

LIGHT FARMING CURES SHELL SHOCK VICTIMS

The Base Hospitals of Europe, where American boys as well as the boys of our allies are recuperating, have decided that the men who are yet unable to fight, or to go back to their places in the ranks, may gain health and strength while digging the soil, and incidentally may add many tons of vegetables to the necessary food supplies.

Ten expert market gardeners from this country have been sent to France to direct the work, as it has been found that this farm labor is one of the best restoratives of health, and also that there is no better work for those suffering from shell shock than this out-of-doors activity. Many soldiers who have worked at the farms announce that they intend to buy farms and continue on their return from France.

In addition to the helpful exercises the tables are helped, and in one hospital there has been green corn on the cob served as a result of the soldier farming. Green corn is not common in France, but it certainly pleased the men who were fortunate enough to get some of it. And the American boys—well just imagine an American seeing green corn on the cob when he didn't expect there was such a delicacy nearer than the old U. S. A!

More than two tons of vegetables were grown at Base Hospital No. 6 in less than three months. Peas, potatoes, beans, radishes, lettuce and corn, and the soldiers declare that there is nothing like the taste of these American vegetables grown in the gardens of the hospitals.

TUBERCULOSIS FIGHTERS JOIN WITH RED CROSS

Fifteen hundred anti-tuberculosis associations in every state in the Union have set aside their ordinary work and are giving their time and attention during the next month to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call, according to an announcement from the headquarters of the National Tuberculosis Association.

Instead of the usual sale of Red Cross Seals which has been conducted for the last ten years jointly by the National Tuberculosis Association and the American Red Cross, this coming year the tuberculosis movement will be supported by a direct appropriation of \$2,500,000 from the Red Cross, and in turn all of the machinery of the tuberculosis campaign will be turned into helping swell the membership of the American Red Cross in an effort to enroll every man and woman in the country.

In every state there is a well organized state organization and under it there are strong local branches. These trained workers will co-operate with the Red Cross chapters in their community and will endeavor to organize their districts so that no one can escape solicitation. Universal membership in the Red Cross will be the aim.

BE SURE TO SHOW YOUR RED CROSS BUTTON

Who hides his flag on Fourth of July? Who fails to rise to the Star Spangled Banner? Why do we wave flags, and why do we sing? Because we human beings demand a sign. The Indians exchanged wampum when they met and swore friendship. The Greeks of old sent presents of earth and water to their correspondents. When a letter falls to come we all think that the friend has forgotten us. Now who wishes his fellows to think that he has forgotten that this is a world where kindness and love are welcome?

We may feel well disposed toward the Red Cross and keep our button tucked away under a coat somewhere where no one can see—and who knows that we are not traitors to the lady who have been through hell in the hope to keep us safe? When a man has a stolen purse he hides it in an inside pocket, and he sneaks down a back alley when he can. But those of us who belong to the Red Cross—and who will not belong when Christmas arrives?—we who belong must show our colors, must wear the button, must say to our friends, "Yes, I'm with you for a world of safety and peace and kindness and love!" It's the same beloved red of service, such as hangs before the shrine the white of purity, and the blue of constancy. Where is the better cause? Where the better service? Where a badge to be prouder of? On with the button when the campaign opens, next week. Let the Red Cross not be denied!

PEACE MAKES GREATER NEED

Peace will not end the need of Red Cross relief work. On the contrary the proclaiming of peace opens new fields of service for the Red Cross, and now, more than ever, the American people will be called upon to obey their generous impulses to bind up the world's wounds. Membership in the Red Cross affords the noblest outlet for such impulses. Every American should answer "More" to the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call.

FOR YOUR CHRISTMAS GIFT

WHY NOT GIVE A

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A WEEKLY REMINDER OF YOUR FRIENDSHIP AND SOMETHING THAT WILL PLEASE THOSE ABSENT FRIENDS.

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NATIONAL CAPITAL.

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agencies, unrestricted competition, uniform state and Federal regulation, complete Government ownership, or an intermediate course of modified private control, under a more unified and effective public regulation.

The President recommends that Congress have a complete and impartial study of the whole railroad problem in the light of the war, and that it be done as early as possible. Unless Congress acts without delay, it is thought by some observers, here, the President may take the step of returning the railroads to their owners as early as next Spring. He makes it plain that he will not delay acting at all unless there is definite reason for doing so, and one reason given for the way he puts the problem up to Congress is to spare that body on to action.

AMERICAN HIGHWAYS FOR TOMORROW

The Department of Agriculture at Washington has \$70,000,000 in appropriation under the Federal Aid Act for the building of new highways throughout the United States during the fiscal year that will end next July.

Within two days from the signing of the armistice all restrictions with regard to building new roads were removed, and the highway builders of the nation are gathering in Chicago this month to discuss every phase of road building. From a tentative program that has been issued on behalf of the American Association of State Highway Officials and the Highway Industries Association it would appear that highway central is drifting toward Federal patronage. Road building has taken on new significance within the past few years, and there is a strong probability that returning soldiers will perform a useful service in demonstrating the value of explosives in road building. Dynamite has plowed many new highways in making roads in France, Belgium and Italy—and the soldiers who learned more of the value of explosives in military road-building will not be slow in applying their knowledge in the making of new highways at home. Systematic road-building must follow up the old methods, as it has become apparent that haphazard construction of highways has no place in the new scheme of our national highway. With an increase of 100 per cent in the motor truck travel in twenty-four months, and with this means of transportation established as a part of our new national system, the state highway officials are in entire harmony with the viewpoint of Washington and its road builders in the belief that the time has come when road building should be a profession and trade. Roads that start and finish according to the selfish plan of political pull are due for many severe jolts as the new system in road building develops.

The new modes of transportation demand truck highways and connecting lines to reach all points of population. Road motor routes are being established by the Postoffice Department, and through highways connecting every part of the country are being planned, which will make highways for the principal sea ports. These are not visions of the future—but they constitute definite plans of the Government that will be put in motion during the coming weeks and months.

CIVIL WAR DAYS—AND NOW!

It is interesting to note that 1918 wages related to a gold basis were compared to about 83 per cent of those of 1865, and in 1865, when the soldiers were returning home looking for work, they dropped to 67.5 per cent; but in 1865, in spite of the trade depression, they were up to 100 per cent, and they kept on climbing until the peace of 1918. Thus it becomes a matter of great importance in the industrial situation of the United States at present what the war percentage of proportion should be in manufacturing as distributed between wages and materials in making up the value of products. A very interesting tabulation of industries comparing good products, textiles, iron and steel, lumber, leather, chemicals, stone, tobacco, vehicles and other established commodities in 1865, shows that in their production to a value of \$100,000,000 the wage costs were 15.33 percent, while the material costs were 84.67 per cent.

COTTAGE STUDIO ITEMS

The Council of National Defense has requested that Christmas shopping be done early, before the December rush. This applies with especial force to photographers. To avoid disappointing delays we have now the Fall months, and many new effects in backgrounds and accessories ready much earlier than usual.

BUY W. S. S. FOR CHRISTMAS

An opportunity for a unique Christmas gift is being offered this year—and thousands of people throughout the United States are taking advantage of it.

This unusual gift is a War Savings Stamp and is being used in place of cash presents, so many of which are always given each holiday season.

Every Christmas thousands of dollars are given in presents in the shape of money, either bills, or gold, or even silver as the case may be and the size of the gift desired. One of the most popular forms of money always has been the gold piece which have been given in all of its denominations.

This year the gold piece and paper money are to be very much in the background and the cash presents are to be War Savings Stamps the number ranging from the single one with a nominal value of \$5.00 up to any number as high as \$1,000 for each individual.

There are several very excellent reasons why the War Savings Stamp is the ideal cash Christmas present this year, and why it is even much better than money. First and foremost when one buys a War Savings Stamp he or she is doing a patriotic duty and is helping the good old United States to maintain the boys of the army and navy as they should be maintained and to bring them back to their homes clean and well and ready to take up life's battle again in the business world. Notwithstanding the fact that the war is over it will be years before the American forces can be demobilized and normal peace conditions can again be resumed.

This is the first and greatest appeal in connection with the purchase of War Savings Stamps for Christmas, and it is the real reason why they should be bought by everyone, both rich and poor, the grown-ups and the child.

The second reason is a strictly personal one and that is because it is the world's best available investment at the present time, paying 4 1/2%.

When one receives a five dollar bill for a Christmas present it ends there. The bill is worth \$5.00 and no more and its purchasing power is no greater than that amount.

With the War Savings Stamp it is entirely different and instead of getting \$5.00 worth of purchasing power for \$5.00 one gets \$5.00 worth of value for \$4.23. In other words he is giving something that is constantly increasing in value and which is as readily redeemable as money at any post office, an advantage which does not apply to stocks and bonds or any other Government security.

Therefore if one wishes to give cash Christmas presents to the amount of \$100.00, if he or she uses War Savings Stamps, they can do so for only \$81.00, if \$20.00 is the sum desired to be given it will cost only \$12.50, if \$25.00, then only \$12.12, and so on, up and down, to any amount.

The intention is not to have War Savings Stamps supplant any of the useful or other Christmas presents which always are purchased in the stores but only to take the place of the gifts which annually are given in large amounts at Christmas time as cash.

ALBANY
Mr. Arthur Clark of South Paris, with his brother, A. R. Clark of Dolstead's Mills, called on old neighbors and friends last week, also hunted for the elusive deer.

Bill Stearns was in town Saturday buying apples and poultry. Abel Andrews said him 55 hens.

A number from here attended the funeral of their former neighbor and friend, Sumner Usher, of North Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Stearns, who have employment in Ketchikan for the winter, were home Friday after farm produce.

Mrs. Isaac Pihl, who has been quite sick this fall, is gaining and able to get up a short time.

Gray Hair
May's Health

ONLY TWO WEEKS MORE IN WHICH TO BUY W. S. S.

Only two more weeks in which to put Maine over the top in War Savings stamps and to make her 100 per cent perfect in all of the war activities since the United States became a partner in the great world conflict which apparently comes to such a glorious ending on November 11.

All over the United States are working to complete their allotments in this the best of the great drives for funds so that they may place on their State records to go in history for all time, that they answered every Government call that was made and did their part to the fullest extent, to make possible the wonderful victory for world democracy and for humanity.

In Maine the same record is possible and notwithstanding the fact that there are not quite five million dollars in sales of stamps and bonds and subscriptions to the cause is a comparatively small one.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Mason, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Mason, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 8th day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
C. A. Tyler,	10 acres in Lot 3, Range 2,	\$1.16	\$1.00
J. A. Bennett Est.,	6 acres in Lot 4, Range 7,	1.55	1.00
D. B. & G. A. Hastings	100 acres in Lot 58,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 77,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 82,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 86,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 94,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 75,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 85,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 66,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 48,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 50,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 78,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 82,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 83,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 84,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 86,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 91,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 93,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 95,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 100,	4.65	1.00
	300 acres in Lot 109,	3.10	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 76,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 83,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 80,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 58,	4.65	1.00
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	100 acres in Lot 29,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 97,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 95,	4.65	1.00
	100 acres in Lot 59,	4.65	1.00

December 18th, 1918.
D. W. CUSHING,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Mason.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Andover, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Andover, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 17th day of April, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
O. M. Richardson & Son,	Twitcomb Hotel,	\$70.58	\$2.00
A. J. Ladd,	Homestead,	35.54	2.00
Mrs. G. J. Sweet,	Homestead,	24.96	2.00

December 18th, 1918.
A. J. LANG,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Andover.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Town Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Merrill, H. A.	A parcel of land about 30 rods northeast from M. R. Bennett farm, so-called, being 100 feet square with camp thereon, in Range 5,	\$0.50	\$2.00
Morris, F. H. Estate and O'Brien, Fuller	Cottage on land of Berlin Mills, 10 rods more or less from bank of Lary brook in a northern direction from N. H. State line, in Range 1,	6.30	2.00
Springer, E. A.	Cottage on land of the Berlin Mills Co., now Brown Co., south side of north branch of Lary brook in Range 1,	6.30	2.00

December 18th, 1918.
M. M. MASON,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of non-resident owners in the Town of Newry, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 15th day of June, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Grange Hall in said Newry, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Widow, Mrs. Fausie	Homestead, bounded on north by Monroe and Warren farms, south by R. A. Barnes land, west by Bennett and Kilgore.	21.50	2.00
	Wild land, 70 acres in Lot 1, Range 14, 10.24	2.00	
	Wild land, 100 acres in Lot 2, Range 14, 14.84	2.00	
	Wild land, 100 acres in Lot 3, Range 14, 14.84	2.00	
	Wild land, 80 acres in Lot 4, Range 14, 7.32	2.00	
Widow Mrs. Harry	Homestead bounded on the north by land of O. J. Littlehale, south by land of J. J. Sweeney,	24.40	2.00

December 18th, 1918.
W. H. POWERS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Bethel, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

The following list of taxes on real estate of resident owners in the Town of Bethel, aforesaid, for the year 1918, committed to me for collection for said Town on the 1st day of May, 1918, remain unpaid; and notice is hereby given that if said taxes with interest and charges are not previously paid, so much of the real estate taxed as is sufficient and necessary to pay the amount due therefor, including interest and charges, will be sold at public auction at Grange Hall in said Town, on the first Monday in February, 1919, at nine o'clock A. M.

Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Walter G. Blake,	Homestead,	\$8.05	\$1.00
Gen. B. Brooks,	Homestead Farm,	1.33	1.00
H. C. Burbank,	Homestead Farm,	41.40	1.00
	Part of Bond Island,	18.40	1.00
James S. Burhoe,	A. L. Mitchell Farm,	18.40	1.00
Heirs of Phoebe Corson,	A. B. Tyler, Homestead,	2.30	1.00
Chas. P. Day,	Homestead Farm,	16.10	1.00
Frank A. Gibson,	Homestead Farm,	11.50	1.00
Mrs. John L. Holt,	Homestead Farm,	20.70	1.00
	Land joining D. C. Foster,	1.15	1.00
	Young Farm,	20.70	1.00
Oswald Harding,	Homestead at East Bethel,	4.00	1.00
Ellen P. Kimball,	Homestead Farm,	11.00	1.00
Howard F. Maxin,	Homestead Farm,	32.20	1.00
	Chase Homestead,	6.90	1.00
	Part of Cummings Field,	1.15	1.00
Geo. E. Osgood,	Homestead Farm,	16.10	1.00
Alfred Smith,	Homestead Farm,	6.75	1.00
Samuel Mayconnell,	Homestead Farm,	13.11	1.00
	Shuck Lot,	2.07	1.00
	1/2 of 5-3,	2.07	1.00
D. L. Blake Place,		3.45	1.00
J. Mayconnell Farm,		0.20	1.00
Part of Thomas Place,		2.88	1.00
Homestead Farm,		0.78	1.00
Swamp Land,		1.73	1.00
Old Homestead Lot,		.58	1.00
Homestead Farm,		27.60	1.00
Homestead,		4.00	1.00

December 18th, 1918.
FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
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Name of Owner	Description of Property	Amt. tax.	Charges
Henry A. Cross,	Homestead at West Bethel,	\$9.20	\$1.00

December 18th, 1918.
FRED B. HALL,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Bethel.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Gilead, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

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December 18th, 1918.
M. M. MASON,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Gilead.

COLLECTOR'S ADVERTISEMENT OF SALE OF LANDS OF NON-RESIDENT OWNERS.

STATE OF MAINE.
Unpaid taxes on lands situated in the Town of Newry, in the County of Oxford, for the year 1918.

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W. H. POWERS,
Collector of Taxes of the Town of Newry.

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The following ruling of Industries Board becomes October 1st, 1918: "DISCONTINUE SEND PAPER AFTER THE DATE OF PUBLICATION UNLESS REMITTED FOR IN ADVANCE."

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CHURCH ACTIVI

CONGREGATIONAL CH Sunday morning—Worship men at 10.45. Subject of the "1919, The Beginning of a New Epoch."

METHODIST CHURCH Sunday services: Morning 10.45; sermon by the pastor. School at 12. Evening service. Services will be held at the Loock's Mills, Sunday after 2.15.

UNIVERSALIST CHURCH Services next Sunday at 10. The officers of the Universalist Convention propose to raise \$500 the coming year for church work.

By the recent probate of the Mr. Albert Crane of New York City, College, Universalist, leave \$50, The Universalist Convention \$50,000, Convention \$50,000, Fund for aged list clergymen \$40,000. The purpose \$10,000. His local church pastor a generous bequest, and other bequests of a public provide generous amounts in maintenance. A few years ago received \$100,000 from the support of the Crane School. In this way loyal efforts are providing for the future of the church.

Santa arrived Wednesday night and caused much schedule time and caused much for the children. A pair of horses drawing the large, decorated with gifts for all members of day school and Santa himself made the day seem quite real.

GRANGE NEWS

BETHEL GRANGE The Grange Circle did not meet last Thursday evening. In business.

PARIS GRANGE Paris Grange met Saturday, at 2 P. M. Officers present: Overseer, Chaplain, Lecturer, or, A. Howard, L. A. Steward, Penman and Flora. The 14th degree were conferred class of A. Worthy Master gave a report of the meeting Maine State Grange. A list of fees for the dining room were next meeting to be an all day for the installation of the officers expected that the Worthy State will be present and install the 4, 1919. Meeting to open at 10.30.

NOTICE

Kill your hogs before Jan. 5, that date I shall do no more but WILLIAM LOWE, 12-26-18 p. Bethel

FOR SALE

A red mare mare for sale at Cook's, Newry Corner, Me. Good sound and light weight about 12 years old. 12

Will pay 2 cents per pound for eggs collected for giving prizes. GILBERT OFFICE, 12-17-18